

It is reported that the next Ormsby county Grand Jury will probably make a thorough investigation of the cases where State contracts were let to officers. In this case Wells Drury and several Carson City officials will be brought to the mark. It is a certain thing that the law is very plain in regard to officials taking contracts for the State or county, and if it has been violated the culprits should be punished—Lyon County Times.

If the law has been violated, and the proofs of its violation are ample, that the offenders ought to be dealt with according to law, no citizen will deny. The APPEAL, however, believes that the persons who accepted the State contracts violated the law through ignorance. Mr. Muller, a City Trustee, furnished some supplies to the State, and the Legislature declined to pay the bill, under Section 1710 of the Compiled Laws. The fact that Muller furnished the supplies and did not get the money was considered punishment enough.

In the case of Drury, he received \$360 for a State contract while acting as Deputy Secretary of State, and since a recent Supreme Court decision that the same law applies to deputies as well as principals, he also comes within the scope of the Statute. It has been stated by his friends that he realizes the illegality of the proceeding since his attention has been called to it, and proposes to turn back the \$360 into the State Treasury. No doubt this will be done as soon as he can spare the money, after which no good purpose can be served by a criminal prosecution. The matter has been sufficiently commented on by the newspapers of the State to deter anyone in the future from similar transactions.

Selling Liquor to Indians.

Yesterday U. S. District Attorney Hayden laid information against Geo. Dohlstrom of Nye county, for selling liquor to Indians.

An Iowa attorney, with a murderer for a client, moved for a continuance *à la* San Francisco. That night a rope, knotted with a hangman's noose, was hung on his door knob, with a note which read: "Beware of a continuance!" Next day he moved for a change of venue, and that night thirty men in masks met him, put a rope around his nob and pulled him to a limb until he despised a change of venue.

—It now turns out that all the fuss being made in San Francisco on the Sullivan-Felton contest has simmered down to a little insignificant \$1,500 sack in one of the outlying precincts somewhere near the cemetery. A corruption fund of such dimensions ought not to occupy the serious attention of the committee.

—Governor Bartlett of California stopped at Red Bluff a few days ago invaded a female seminary and kissed 50 girls. It pays to be Governor of California.

Governor Stevenson ought to go down to Bishop Whittaker's school and exercise his gubernatorial functions. All he lacks is the nerve.

—The Times Review has the following significant item: When an Indian has had five wives in eleven years, and all have died under queer circumstances, the authorities begin to watch him, and if he begins to shine up to a sixth he'll get himself into trouble.

—The members of Congress from this Coast should all promote the annexation of Southern Idaho to Nevada. It will be better for the Territory and the State, and will give Nevada a boom that will please her friends and surprise her enemies.—Alta.

—The balloon wandering over the Eastern part of the State is run by Hock Mason, who takes this means of hunting up his lost cattle, and locating new meadow lands at \$1.25 an acre.

—A preacher in Missouri was fined \$40 and costs for kissing a lady parishioner against her will. Certainly no Nevada clergyman could afford such high priced luxuries.

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